

# PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS



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The ladies who have seen our superb line of Furniture, Desks, Couches, Parlor Suits, Golden Oak Bed Room Suits, Lace Curtains and Carpets, all come to one conclusion.

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We have the best assortment in town and are proud to show them.

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To put in Screens and get your new Bicycle. You can buy both here to good advantage.

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**ONE | PHILLIPS | WEEK.**  
**ONE WEEK**

**UNHEARD OF BARGAINS!**

If you do not take advantage of these prices it is not our fault.

200 pieces Mosquito Net, extra fine mesh, worth 10c, piece, this week 5c.  
3,000 yards Cotton Grenadine, worth 12c, this week 3c.  
2,000 yards pretty Lawns, cheap at 5c, this week 2c.  
3,000 yards Vivetta Corded Wash Lawns, worth 12c, this week 6c.  
Ladies' Silkline Underskirts, worth \$1.50, this week \$1.25.  
100 pairs Ladies' and Children's Hose Supporters, 5c, pair.  
1,000 Children's Neckties, 1c, each.  
100 Ladies' Black Rain and Sun Umbrellas, 45c.  
6 dozen Belt Buckles, 14c, 15c, 25c.  
100 pair Black and Tan Half Hose, 6c, pair.  
100 dozen Ladies' Real Nice Vests, 5c, each.  
Children's Parasols, 12c, 15c, 35c, and up.

25 dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists, white, black and colors; some of these are worth \$1; your choice for one week, 47c.  
2 dozen Ladies' White Mull Aprons; these will be 12c, and 22c.  
We have the genuine Tuxedo, 15c.  
Real Brass Pins, 3c, paper.  
Ladies' White P. K. Put Ties, 22c.  
Ladies' Fancy Summer Corsets, 45c.  
2,000 yards Percales, worth 8c, one week 5c.  
Ladies' Black Skirts, worth \$1.25, one week \$1.00.  
10,000 yards Cotton Crepon, worth 15c, for one week only, 3c, yard.  
Shirt Waists for little boys, sizes 3 to 6 years, worth 25c, this week 12c.  
Boys' Unadorned Shirts, 45c, each.  
Men's Gauze Underwear, the 75c, kind, one week, 50c, suit.

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**Pinner's Point Real Estate!**

CONSIDERABLE MONEY has been made at Pinner's Point within the last three years, and now that MONEY PANICS and WARS are ended these profits will be more than doubled within the next two years.

If you have money to invest PINNERS POINT is the place to put it, either from a speculative view or interest bearing basis.

We began when Pinner's Point began, and can consequently put you on the ground floor as to cost of property here.

Our collecting department is handling nine-tenths of the rental business in this section, and all of the property we have in charge is paying well.

Our references as to promptness, management and financial responsibility are second to none.

**A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS TO OFFER QUICK BUYERS**

Average sales, Six Thousand Dollars per month for three years.

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**Special Sale of Ladies' White Parasols**

Ladies' White China Silk Hemstitched Parasols, \$1.49, regular \$1.75 quality.

A full line of Children's Parasols, 15c. to \$1.25.

A complete line of Mens' and Ladies' Summer Underwear.

A large assortment of Belt Buckles.

Store closes 7 p. m.

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**Are You Willing**

To lose from 10 to 50 per cent. on your purchase of drugs? Well, this is what you are doing when you fail to buy your drugs from CARR'S STORE. Read the following price list, which quotes only a few articles of our large stock of Drugs and Patent Medicines: Pinkham's Compound, 7c. Paine's Celery Compound, 7c. Green's Nervine, 7c. Hood's Sarsaparilla, 7c. Brown's Iron Bitters, 7c. Hostetter's Bitters, 7c. Syrup Figs, 40c. Horford's Acid Phosphate, 40c. Slocum's Pyschone Tonic, 25c. Gonorrhea, 50c. Castoria, 25c. Soothing Syrup, 20c. Cephal-pine, 20c. Alcock's Porous Plasters, 10c. Belladonna Plasters, 10c. Carter's Pills, 15c. Pierce's Pellets, 15c. Vin Mariani, \$1.00. Follow's Syrup, \$1.00. Carr's Corrosive Sublimate Knock-Out Drops, a dead sure killer of Bed Bugs, with brush, 25c.

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Has since the beginning of his Sale. He is to retire from business. Store for Rent and Fixtures for Sale.

**Blue Serge Suits.**

Guaranteed color and wear, worth \$12.50.

**\$6.98.**

**MEN'S PANTS.**

\$2.25 and \$2.50 Men's Pants from good serviceable materials, in stylish patterns. Without exception slashed to

**\$1.73.**

\$3.00 and \$4.00 Men's Pants, will hold their shape and wear splendidly, great values at original prices. Marvelous bargains at

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\$4.50 and \$5.00 Men's All-Wool Pants, made from elegant and choice materials, stripes, plaids, etc. Most wonderful bargains ever offered for

**\$2.98.**

\$6.00 Men's Striped All-Wool Worsted Pants. Fine tailor-made, custom-fitting. Hundreds to select from. Main-mo-uth sale price,

**\$3.39.**

\$7.00 and \$8.00 Men's Extra Fine Pants. Highest grade of wools, all stylish patterns. Slashed to the unheard of price

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**Sweet and Orr.**

Overalls and Jumpers, 50c.

**Men's Suspenders.**

Lot of Men's fine Suspenders, in Camel-hair or Guyot styles, also leather ends, which sell at 25c. and 35c.—will go for

**17c.**

**Men's Garters.**

15c. grade, 25c. grade, 15c.

**15c.**

250 Boys' Shirt Waists, in as many styles, worth from 25c. to 50c., to go at

**13c.**

One lot of Boys' Knee Pants, ages 4 to 15, to go at

**French Balbriggan**

**Underwear.**

50c. grade to go at 35c. 25c. grade to go at 15c.

One lot String Ties, in the newest effects, worth 25c.,

**6 1/2c. each.**

**Men's Striped Office Coats.**

Lot of Men's Striped Office Coats, in sizes from 34 to 54, worth 75c., will go at

**36c.**

One lot Lawn White Bow Ties, worth 25c. Your choice

**4c. each**

**PEOPLE'S FORUM.**

NOTE.—The People's Forum being freely open to all parties, classes, persons, views and capacities, the Virginian-Pilot is responsible for none of the statements nor opinions expressed therein, nor for the style in which they are set forth. The ignorant and uneducated shall be heard here equally with the learned.

**THE STREETS OF PORTSMOUTH.**

Portsmouth, Va., June 2, 1899.

Virginian-Pilot:

Will you kindly publish this short synopsis of the history of the streets of Portsmouth? At this time, when titles are becoming unsettled by reason of conflicting surveys, all the light that can be obtained is desirable. I have made a careful examination of the subject, both as representative of the city and of property owners.

Streets in a city are acquired either by purchase or by dedication. If they are purchased the city becomes the owner of the fee, and the lines of the purchase being once defined, no encroachment thereon, however long continued, gives the encroacher a claim to the street. He continues a trespasser always.

When streets are acquired by dedication, as was the case in Portsmouth, the right of user is in the public and the city is merely the custodian, and is required to keep them in good condition for the use of the public. Where there is no positive evidence of the dedication of a street by the owner of the land, but that fact is presumptive and based on user by the public, it is necessary for the city to prove that the land claimed as a street and upon which a house or fence has been built, was in actual use under claim as a street for the statutory period before the house or fence was built there. Unless the city can prove this, the property owner can hold what he has fenced in under his deed. This is a plain statement of the law. Now as to the facts:

Portsmouth was laid out as a town by Mr. Crawford and was incorporated in May, 1752. There is in the Clerk's office an old plat purporting to be a copy of a survey made for Mr. Crawford January 7th, 1752, and is thought by some to be a copy of the original survey of Portsmouth, but I find sufficient evidence to discredit this theory. The plan gives the size of the lots, 180x120 feet, but makes no mention of the width of the streets.

In June and July of that year Mr. Crawford gave four deeds for lots in conformity with a plan referred to therein, but that plat was cancelled, and all his deeds subsequent to July, 1752, were in conformity with another plat, of which there is absolutely no record. He gave new deeds under the second plat to the purchasers of some of the lots sold under the first one. There is nothing in these later deeds to establish any general plan of the city or the width of its streets. In fact, the narrow streets were regarded as private alleys, are mentioned only in the four deeds given in June and July, 1752, and were sold with land so that they were not dedicated by Mr. Crawford to the public.

The first house built in the town was at the southeast corner of Crawford and North streets, and the first lot sold under the second plan was at the opposite corner, the southwest. Those two corners were built upon during the lifetime of Mr. Crawford, and while his stakes were in the ground, and should it turn out that they are on the same line, it is apt to be correct and should be taken as the starting point for the city. The first house built in the southwestern part of the town was an old Dutch raft dwelling at the southwest intersection of South and Dinwiddie streets. It was put there in the last century during the life of Mr. Venle, Mr. Crawford's legatee, and until the incorporation of Portsmouth, was taken as a guide by the county surveyors in locating lines for property owners in that section. There is a brick store-house now on the corner.

About the year 1858 the City Council desired to have an official survey and map made of the city, and employed Mr. Webster, who was at the head of a flourishing school, to do the work. Mr. Webster was without data but promptly assumed all he wanted. He needed a starting point and decided to take the northeast corner of Middle and Queen streets, a point which, instead of being at the corner of one of Mr. Crawford's squares, was in the middle thereof. He argued to himself that the owner of that property (an old sea captain) was a very discreet citizen and would not have built his house there without first having its lines correctly defined, though there were several hundred houses in the town that were built from fifty to seventy-five years before that house was. Mr. Webster then assumed a certain width for each street, and further assumed that the city owned the fee in the land from the beginning. Thus equipped he started upon the work. He made a report to the Council, but if he made a plat it was not recorded and there is no evidence, so far as my knowledge goes, of its existence, so that, if an official map of the city was ever made there is no evidence of it and there is no such map known.

Some of the City Councils since 1858

have adopted Webster's survey as the official plan of the city while others, on account of its many shortcomings, have rejected it and directed the City Surveyors to follow the lines of the streets as built upon. Mr. Webster's survey is very faulty in many respects and I am satisfied it could not be sustained in court by evidence.

Under the circumstances it would be the part of wisdom for the City Council to recognize the condition of affairs as it exists, to employ a competent person to make a map of the city as it is actually built up, to note the center lines of the streets, and, if the sidewalks are too narrow at points, to trust to subsequent arrangements to have them widened.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN W. H. PORTER.

**DEATH OF MR. BOHANNON.**

Mr. Churchill Bohannon, an old and very highly respected citizen of this city, passed away at Port Royal, S. C., yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in the 67th year of his age. The deceased gentleman was well known in this city, where he had resided for a score of years, coming here from the county of Gloucester, this State. He was a carpenter by trade, and a gentleman who knew him well, in speaking of him last night, said that he was the soul of honor. He was a member of Grimes' Battery during the civil war and was regarded as a good soldier, true to the interests of his State.

He leaves a widow—Mrs. Mary T. Bohannon—and six children—Messrs. Wm. J. Edward, Lloyd, John and Miss Emma and Mrs. Samuel Simcoe. His remains were forwarded from Port Royal by express last night and will reach here to-morrow morning.

**Y. M. C. A. MOONLIGHT.**

The Portsmouth Y. M. C. A. and the Ladies' Auxiliary will run a moonlight excursion Friday night, June 23d, on the steamer Pocahontas. The proceeds of this excursion will be used to buy new apparatus for the new gymnasium. The gymnasium committee will have the program in charge and it is their purpose to make it the most attractive musical program ever given on a moonlight excursion. June the 23d was selected because a full moon is predicted for that evening.

**BE HELD IN NORFOLK.**

The Presbyterian mass meeting will be held Sunday night at 8 p. m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk. Instead of in the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., L. L. D., will make the principal address of the occasion.

**CASTORIA.**

Bears the Signature of *Chas. F. Fletcher*

Reports relative to the new silk mill at Seranton, Pa., are to the effect that it will be constructed by Klotz Bros. of 447 Broadway, New York.

William E. Hilden, of Newark, N. J., is a director in the Cox Electric Rail Co., capitalized at \$1,000,000, and recently incorporated in West Virginia.



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The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinal, laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing Figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities of the remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only. In order to get its beneficial effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

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LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.  
For sale by all Druggists.—Price 50c. per bottle.

**BERKLEY.**

The faculty of Berkley Collegiate Institute gave their sixth annual commencement exercises yesterday at 4:30 p. m. in the chapel hall.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. M. W. Butler, of Main Street Christian Church, after which Prof. J. W. Roberts, P. H. B., introduced Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., of Christian Memorial Temple, who delivered an interesting and profitable address, using for his subject "The Foundation in Building." He spoke at some length, and in closing he asked his young hearers to lay deep the foundations upon which they were to build for future life and destiny, and as many of them had shown themselves equal to the duties of school life, he trusted they would continue, and thereby fit themselves for the demands that the world would make upon them.

He was then called on to deliver seven handsome gold medals to the following:

Collegiate Department—Mathematics, Mr. J. J. Johnson; spelling, Miss Sallie L. Morrison; advancement, Mr. J. Bradford Johnson; scholarship, Mr. Robert Wright.

Immediate—Scholarship, Nellie Bosley; mathematics, Bortham, Bristol; attendance, Emma May Walker.

Dr. Barrett's remarks to each were appropriate and encouraging. Here are the names of those on the role of honorable mention:

Collegiate—Laura Garrett, Nettie Brown, Willie Groves, Julius Marwitz, Edgar Tall, Alice Lynch, Evelyn Wood, Emily Graves, Lizzie Barbrey, Fred Henderson, Arthur Butler, E. Cresse, Eley Whitfield, Arthur Longley.

Primary—Louise, Caroline, Tatem, Alma Monteer, Elizabeth Monteer, Edna Brown, L. H. D. Tatem, Mamie Farrell, Mabel Hancock, Laurence Garrett, Moses Goodman, Blanche Parkinson, Freddie Kinchsmith, Louis Salesbury, Ray Goodman, Lee Ferrell, Lona Copeland, Jesse Cuthrell, James P. Tatem, Annie Morrisette, Rosa Salesbury, Sammie Herman, Fred Rade, Annie Dowdy, Lillie Brishols, Willie Brishols.

Prof. Roberts concluded the exercises with touching remarks, and assured his patrons and scholars that while he would not continue his school in that building, he would somewhere in town. He then invited all present to enjoy with him a pleasant reception.

At 5 o'clock in the evening the Euzelean Literary Society gave a reception to which all the ex-members were invited. Speeches were made by various members of the society. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Edward Humphries, an ex-member, and closing address by Mr. J. J. Johnson.

**BERKLEY ADVTS**

**JOHN S. ETHERIDGE.**

LIVERY AND BOARDING STABLES

BERKLEY, VA.

Norfolk and Portsmouth trade solicited.

New Phone No. 1332.

At the close cream and cake were served.

The song recital that was announced for Main Street Christian Church last Thursday evening and was prevented by the storm will be given next Friday evening, the 9th instant, by Prof. Marks, of Norfolk.

Mr. Bortham Williams and Miss Elizabeth Parker were happily married Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride, Oakdale. Rev. S. S. Robinson, pastor of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, performed the ceremony that made them man and wife. The happy couple will reside at Oakdale.

**Relief in Six Hours.**

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by Walke & Martin, druggists, 108 Water street, Norfolk, Va.

The Muskee Paint Company will be located at the town of this name in New Jersey, and will manufacture paints and varnishes with \$100,000 capital stock. Joseph Dally may be addressed.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. F. Fletcher*

The plant of the Pittsburg Machine Company, to be located in Allegheny, Pa., will include an equipment of lathes, planers and other tools, which will be made by the Baird Machine Company.

**SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES**

Allen's Foot-Paste, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, nervous feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Paste makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package free. Address, ALLEN S. OLMSTED, Le Roy, N. Y.

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"Two years ago I had the Grippe," said the wife of a Long Island farmer, "and since then I have never been real smart. Nothing that I ate seemed to set well on my stomach. I have never been much of a hand for doctoring, but I tried different kinds of herb teas, but they didn't seem to do much good. One day a lady asked me if I would try

**Ripans Tabules**

Richard he took some too. Whatever they are made of I don't know, but we have not felt so well in years. We work all day now and eat our three regular meals, and all kinds of victuals seem to agree with us. Don't hesitate about taking them. They won't hurt you."